

XXI.—Description of a new Snake of the Genus *Coluber* from Northern China. By G. A. BOULENGER, F.R.S.

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TWO years ago I described in these 'Annals' (xiii. 1914, p. 576) a new and very distinct species of *Coluber* discovered by Mr. A. L. Hall at Chihfeng, N.E. Chihli Province, which I named *C. halli*. Mr. Hall has since been so kind as to send a second series of snakes from the same locality, and this includes, in addition to five further specimens of *C. halli*, a single specimen of another species which I regard as new and of which I here offer a description.

The additional specimens of *C. halli* show the following variation in the number of scales and shields:—

♂	.....	23 scales.	172	ventrals.	69	subcaudals.
♀	.....	25	181	"	63	"
"	.....	23	179	"	64	"
Yg.	.....	23	171	"	65	"
"	.....	23	171	"	69	"

The formula for the seven known specimens is therefore—

Sc. 23–25. V. 171–181. A. 2. C. 58–69.

Coluber anomalus.

Snout rounded, scarcely prominent; canthus rostralis very obtuse, loreal region slightly concave; eye rather small, one-third length of snout. Rostral much broader than deep, just visible from above; internasals as long as broad, as long as the prefrontals; frontal as long as broad, two-thirds its distance from the end of the snout, three-fifths the length of the parietals; loreal longer than deep; præocular single, no subocular below it; two postoculars; temporals 2 + 3 or 4; seven upper labials, third and fourth entering the eye; four lower labials in contact with the anterior chin-shields, which are a little longer than the posterior. Scales in 22 rows, dorsals feebly but very distinctly keeled, laterals smooth. Ventrals not angulate laterally, 212; anal divided; subcaudals mostly single, 65. Dark brown above; a large blotch on the neck and a streak behind the eye black; hinder part of body and tail with rather irregular black cross-bars; lower parts white, with greyish spots anteriorly; subcaudals edged with brown.

Total length 1770 mm. ; tail 250.

A single male specimen.

This snake can only be compared with *C. schrenckii*, Strauch, from Corea and Eastern Siberia, but it differs in the number of upper labial shields, the mostly single subcaudals, and in other points of minor importance.

XXII.—*Descriptions of Three new Cyprinid Fishes from East Africa.* By G. A. BOULENGER, F.R.S.

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Labeo gracilis.

Body strongly compressed, its depth $4\frac{1}{2}$ to $4\frac{2}{3}$ times in total length. Head $4\frac{1}{2}$ times in total length; snout rounded, as long as postocular part of head; eye perfectly lateral, $3\frac{1}{4}$ times in length of head; interorbital width $\frac{1}{2}$ length of head; width of mouth, with lips, $3\frac{1}{2}$ times in length of head; lips rather feebly developed, without transverse plicæ, with a fringe of conical papillæ; edge of rostral flap entire; a small barbel. Dorsal III 10–11, equally distant from nostril and from caudal, upper edge concave, longest ray as long as head. Anal III 5, not reaching caudal. Pectoral slightly shorter than head, not reaching ventral, which is inserted below middle of dorsal. Caudal deeply notched, crescentic. Caudal peduncle once and a half as long as deep. Scales 40–42 $\frac{6\frac{1}{2}}{6\frac{1}{2}}$, 4 between lateral line and ventral, 16 round caudal peduncle. Dark brown above, whitish beneath.

Total length 120 mm.

Three specimens from the Juba River near Gobwen, collected by Mr. A. Blayney Percival. Types in the British Museum and in the Nairobi Museum.

Allied to *L. mesops*, Gthr., but body more elongate, eye larger, and mouth smaller.

Barbus procatopus.

Depth of body equal to length of head, $3\frac{2}{3}$ to 4 times in total length. Snout rounded, 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ times in length of head; eye $3\frac{1}{3}$ to $3\frac{1}{2}$ times in length of head, interorbital width $3\frac{2}{3}$ times; mouth inferior, its width 4 times in length of head; lips moderately developed, lower uninterrupted; two barbels on each side, posterior a little longer than anterior and as